


BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2001-380-S - ORDER NO. 2001-1039
NOVEMBER 5, 2001

IN RE:	Application of Midlands Utility, Inc. for)	ORDER DENYING
	Approval of the Designation of a Collection)	WAIVER OF HEARING
	Only Service Charge for Sewer Service to its)	AND ESTABLISHING
	Customers in Richland, Lexington, Fairfield)	PREFILING DATES
	and Orangeburg Counties, SC.)	



This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of Midlands Utility, Inc. ("Midlands") for a waiver of a hearing in the above-referenced docket.

On August 29, 2001, Midlands made application with the Commission seeking approval of a collection only service charge for its sewer customers. The application was noticed to the public and to the customers of Midlands,¹ and no protests or petitions to intervene were received concerning the application. By its application, Midlands requested that the application establishing the collection only service charge be approved without a formal hearing.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission denies Midlands request for waiver of a hearing. The application involves the establishment of a new rate. Midlands submitted an allocation of costs between collection and treatment in support of the proposed collection only service charge. The Commission finds it appropriate to review

¹ Midlands provided an affidavit of publication indicating that a Notice of Filing had been published in a newspaper of general circulation. Midlands also provided a Certificate of Service indicating that the Notice of Filing had been mailed to all customers affected by the application.

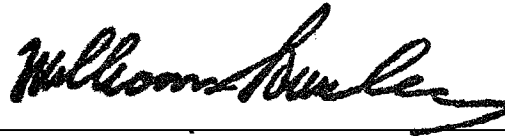
the proposed allocations in the context of a hearing. Therefore, the Commission denies the requested waiver of a hearing in this matter.

In preparation of the hearing on this application, the Commission finds it expedient to establish pre-filing dates for testimony and exhibits. Therefore, pursuant to 26 S.C. Regs. 103-869(C)(Supp.2000), the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of the Applicant shall be prefiled on or before **November 23, 2001**, and that twenty-five copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and/or intervenors shall be pre-filed on or before **December 5, 2001**. (Direct testimony and exhibits may be post-marked on these dates.) Also, any rebuttal testimony and exhibits of the Applicant shall be pre-filed on or before **December 12, 2001**, and any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and/or intervenors shall be pre-filed on or before **December 17, 2001**. (Rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony and exhibits must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on these dates.) It should be noted that acceptance into the record of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the discretion of the Commission. In addition, parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits (direct and rebuttal/ surrebuttal) on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

Also, any party requesting modification of this schedule for prefilng of testimony and exhibits must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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